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INTER - PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON EAST TIMOR

SUGGESTIONS FOR AN ACTION PLAN ON EAST TIMOR

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ACTION WITHIN NATIONAL AND SUBNATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

1. Propose Parliamentary resolutions calling for the exercice of the right to self-determination by the people of East Timor and related action;

2. Propose Parliamentary missions to visit Indonesia and East Timor in order to inspect and report upon the position of human rights, the rule of laws and the demand for self determination by the people of East Timor;

3. Establish Parliamentary Committees to receive reports and focus attention upon the position of East Timor in international law and in respect for human rights;

4. Raise the issue of East Timor in Parliamentary Committees of Amnesty International supporters; circulate amongst Parlamentarians the reports (or summaries of the reports) of Amnesty International, the International Commission of Jurists; the International Platform of Jurists for East Timor and other human rights NGOs Concerned with East Timor;

5. Raise the issue of the rights of the people of East Timor in correspondence, and at meetings with, the representatives of the western and other countries which are the major investors in Indonesia;

6. Make contact with the Parliamentary groups concerned with the rights of the people of Tibet, the Kurds Western Sahara and other peoples denied their right to self-determination. Make common cause with such groups and find and express the common principles of International law and justice raised by cases with issues similar to those raised by the case of East Timor;

ACTION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS

7. Inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the initiatives of Parliamentarians, Parliaments and Parlamentary Committees;

8. Request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to call on the Government of Indonesia to comply with the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on Summary Executions which have so far been ignored;

9. Request the Commission on Human Rights to call on the Government of Indonesia to report to the Commission on Indonesia's compliance with the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur;

10. Request the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations to visit East Timor and to report to the Secretary General, the Commission on Human Rights and the International Community upon the compliance by Indonesia with:

    . The report of the Special Rapporteur on Summary Executions, etc;

    . The reported abuses of fundamental human rights; and

    . The conformity of Indonesia with the duty to accord to the people of East Timor the right to self-determination accorded to them by Internacional Law.

OTHER ACTION

11. Introduce motions or legislation on a selective arms embargo, or to forbid the sale of arms to countres which offend international law on human rights and on the right to self determination of peoples, including Indonesia in respect of East Timor.

12. Establish an information exchange to distribute Parliamentary resolutions in Parlaments concerned;

13. Establish a media exchange to provide local media with material collected internationally, to support the struggle of the people of East Timor and to help explain that struggle, and the right of the people of East Timor, to the people of the democracies which will help alter government and private sector inaction over East Timor.

14. Establish a central point for gathering sound, confirmed data on the current situation in East Timor as a basis of practical action in the Parliaments of democracies.

15. Make representations to the International Committee of the Red Cross and UNICEF to increase their presence in, and activities for, East Timor and its people;

16. Consider actions which will pesuade democratic Governments to recognise the freedom movements in East Timor as the true representation of the people of East Timor.

17. Urge Parliamentarians to join the organisation "Parliamentarians for East Timor" (PET) and encourage its institutional support to the rights of the people of East Timor and for future meetings of Parliamentarians who support the rights of the people of East Timor;

18. Establish attention to the role of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) in the Indonesian economy and in its role in East Timor;

19. Encourage the European Parliaments, in particular, to raise issues of East Timor in the organs of the European Union and in the European Parliament and especially to persuade the Government and the Parliament of the Netherlands to embrace the cause of the rights of the people of East Timor to self-determination and to the respect for their individual human rights.

20. Consider use of the Convention on Genocide in respect of alleged cases of genocide by Indonésia and its military forces and officials in East Timor. Encourage and organise the collection of depositions, including from refugees from East Timor, on instances of genocide and on cases of violations of fundamental human rights. Press for the establishment of an Intenational Penal Tribunal or a Special Penal Tribunal for East Timor and encourage steps to gather the evidence for use by such tribunals once established;

21. Distribute the addresses and fax contacts of participants in this Conference to retain a network of the Parliamentarians and other persons dédicated to law and justice in East Timor which will endure after the meeting has concluded;

22. Call on the Indonesian Government and Parliament in Indonésia and elsewhereto respect the rights of Members of the Indonesian Parliament to speak freely in the cause of human rights in Indonesia and in favour of the rights of the people of East Timor to self determination and to respect for their individual human rights;

23. Call on the Interparlamentary Union (IPU) to add the issues of East Timor to the active concerns of the IPU;

24. Propore resolutions calling on the President and Government of Indonésia to release Xanana Gusmão from prision immediately and without preconditions; and

25. Encourage the establishment of an International Eminent Persons Group to participate in the just resolution of the demand of the people of East Timor to self-determination and, to that end, to visit and consult with Xanana Gusmão.